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 OGATA TAKETORA. DATE OF INFO: 26 JUL 55. EVAL OF INFO: 2 (REPORTORIAL ACCURACY).

OGATA TAKETORA STATED FOL VIEWS ON POLITICAL SITUATION 26 JUL:

A. HATOYAMA HAS REVERSED HIS DECISION TO RETIRE AS PRIMIN THIS YEAR AND TO
 BACK MERGER, IS NOW ATTEMPTING RETAIN CONTROL OF POLITICAL SITUATION. KISHI
 + NOBUSUKE AND MIKI BUKICHI ARE SINCERE IN DESIRE FOR MERGER AND WORKING FOR IT,
 BUT MIKI IS COOLING TOWARD MERGER BECAUSE OF ACTIVITIES OF KONO ICHIRO, WHO HAS
 RISEN TO BE DE FACTO DEPUTY PRIMIN AND IS BLOCKING MERGER, WHICH WOULD THREATEN
 HIS POWER. KONO HAS SPLIT WITH MIKI AND NOW CONTROLS HATOYAMA, WHOM HE IS ADVISING
 TO STAY IN POWER UNTIL 1956 BUDGET IS PASSED. MIKI IS LOSING INFLUENCE.

B. DEMOCRAT MEMBERS OF FOUR-MAN MERGER PLANNING CONFERENCE CANNOT ENFORCE
 COMPLIANCE OF THEIR PARTY MEMBERS WITH DECISIONS OF CONFERENCE. HENCE LIBERALS ARE
 FORCED TO RETURN TO INDEPENDENT POSITION. RESULT MAY WELL BE DIET DISSOLUTION,
 WHICH WOULD BENEFIT ONLY SOCIALISTS. HATOYAMA THINKS HE IS STILL POPULAR, BUT
 OGATA THINKS PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH HATOYAMA'S VACILLATION. LIBERALS WILL FIGHT

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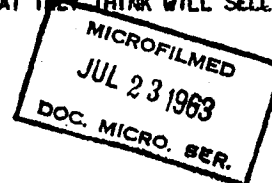
AGAINST DISSOLUTION.

C. HATOYAMA MAY STATE PUBLICLY IN SEPT OR OCT HIS DECISION NOT TO RETIRE. IF SO, LIBERALS WILL SPLIT WITH DEMOCRATS AND ELECTIONS WILL FOLLOW IN JAN OR FEB 56.

D. KONO ARGUES DEMOCRATS SHOULD CONTINUE LONDON CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIETS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE PUTTING THIS AHEAD OF MERGER, SINCE POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS WILL KEEP DEMOCRATS IN POWER. HIS COMING TRIP IS REALLY TO SEE MATSUMOTO SHUNICHI IN LONDON AND INSTRUCT MATSUMOTO TO KEEP TALKS GOING. SHIGEMITSU OPPOSES THIS, WANTS TO STOP CONVERSATIONS UNTIL MERGER IS COMPLETED, BUT HATOYAMA SUPPORTS KONO. KONO IS INTERESTED ONLY IN POWER, NOT IN NATIONAL INTEREST.

E. SOVIET BLOC SEEMS TO BE WORKING TO KEEP WEAK GOVERNMENT IN JAPAN. COMMUNISTS ARE WOOING WELL-KNOWN CONSERVATIVES LIKE KUHARA FUSANOSUKE, HIRATSUKA TSUNEJIRO, AND KITAMURA IN ATTEMPT TO SPLIT JAPANESE CONSERVATIVES. PEOPLE LIKE NAMBARA SHIGERU AND OUCHI HYOE (ALSO RECEIVED OUCHIISHYOE) HELP THIS EFFORT; AS WRITERS, WHEN THEY RETURN FROM USSR THEY WRITE WHAT THEY THINK WILL SELL.

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